

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is submitted in response to the final Office Action dated March 27, 2006. Reconsideration and allowance is requested.

Claims 12-20, and 38 remain in this application. Claims 1-11, and 21-37 have been canceled.

Claim Objections

In the Office Action, claims 12-20 and 38 were objected to because of informalities. In accordance with the Examiner's suggestions, counsel for assignee has amended claim 12 line 16 to recite "said first end-point device" instead of "said first end-point devices" and claim 12 lines 23-24 to recite "said third end-point device" instead of "said third end-point devices."

Claim 15 was also objected to because of informalities. In accordance with the Examiner's suggestion claim 15, line 2, has been amended to recite "first and second overhead portion" instead of "first and second portion." Claim 14 has been similarly amended.

Since claims 1-3, 5-6, and 36 have been canceled the informality objections to these claims are now moot.

Claim Rejection under 35 USC 112

In the Office Action, claims 1-3, 5-6, and 36 were rejected under 35 USC 112, as being indefinite. Since claims 1-3, 5-6, and 36 have been canceled, this rejection is now moot.

Claim Rejection under 35 USC 103

In the Office Action, claims 1-3, 5-6, and 8-11 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a), as being unpatentable over Tsushima et al. (U.S. 5,500,756) in view of Chang et al. (U.S. Patent Application Pub. 2002/0112182 A1). Claims 36-37 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a), as being unpatentable over Tsushima et al. and Chang et al. as applied to claims 1-3, 5-6, and 8-

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11 above, and further in view of Pick et al. (US 6,826,200 B1). Since claims 1-3, 5-6, 8-11, and 36-37 have been canceled, this rejection is now moot.

Allowed Subject Matter

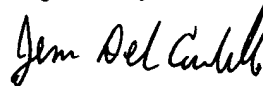
In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 12-20 and 38 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to properly address the claim objections set forth in this Office action. Since claims 12-20 and 38 have been amended to incorporate the Examiner's suggestions and address the objections, counsel for assignee believes these claims should be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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